

March 6, 1997

Mr. Samuel P. M. Gray
K.J. Quinn & Co., Inc.
135 Folly Mill Road
Seabrook, NH 03874

Dear Mr. Gray:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region I Superfund program's intentions concerning potential listing of the K.J. Quinn & Co. property in Seabrook, New Hampshire (EPA Identification Number: NHD048722466, DES #840538) on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).

Currently, there are approximately 1,200 New England sites being evaluated by the federal Superfund Site Assessment program for potential NPL eligibility. To address these 1,200 sites in a timely manner, EPA is now considering alternatives that will make it possible for the states and EPA to agree on a significantly reduced number of sites which are appropriate for the NPL. Our goals are to focus federal resources where they are most effective, encourage private party responses under state authorities, reduce duplicative efforts due to overlapping state and federal requirements, and give the public an opportunity to review and comment on site priorities and actions.

Many of these 1,200 sites have had, or are now undergoing various actions by EPA, the state, or responsible parties to reduce human health and environmental risks. Further actions may be required at these sites by state or local programs. For the K.J. Quinn property, remediation of the site under various state programs will be overseen by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) (February 14, 1997 letter from Mr. Harry Stewart, Chief Engineer, Site Remediation Programs of the NH DES enclosed).

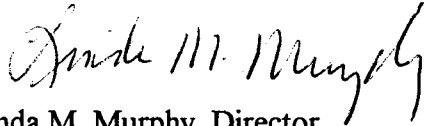
EPA Region I has evaluated the K.J. Quinn property to determine whether releases of hazardous waste pose a threat to human health or the environment. Most recently, a Site Inspection was completed in 1996. That report indicated that the ground water remediation program has successfully lowered all contaminants, except one, to below detection limits. The one contaminant detected in 1987 is well below the New Hampshire Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards. As part of its evaluation, EPA has also considered the recommendation of the NH DES that this site is not an appropriate candidate for NPL listing, it does not pose a substantial threat to public health or the environment, and that it should remain a state-lead site. Based upon our knowledge of the current site conditions, and considering the state's commitment to act as the lead agency in this matter, EPA has determined that no further steps will be taken to list this site on the NPL.



Please be advised that EPA, in consultation with the NH DES, reserves the right to reactivate NPL listing activities at this site if new information becomes available or site conditions substantially change. Such significantly changed circumstances could result in a recommendation for listing at a later time.

If you have any questions regarding the Superfund Site Assessment program status of the K.J. Quinn property, please contact Mr. Don Smith of my staff at (617) 573-9648.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda M. Murphy".

Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

Enclosure

cc: Harry Stewart, NH DES
Charles Berube, NH DES
E. Russel Bailey, Town of Seabrook